

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend ¶ [0008] as follows:

[0008] The present invention provides a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) based method or process in the detection of serum or plasma marker RNA and DNA related to beta-catenin providing an effective, less evasive and more accurate test for the diagnosis, early detection, monitoring, and population screening of colorectal and other cancer types. It will be appreciated that this method of detection of beta-catenin RNA and DNA in blood serum can be applied to other plasma and serum RNA and DNA encoded for beta-catenin associated proteins. In one embodiment, the RNA or DNA is derived from genes encoded beta-catenin, alpha-catenin, E-cadherin, cadherin and other beta-catenin associated proteins.